

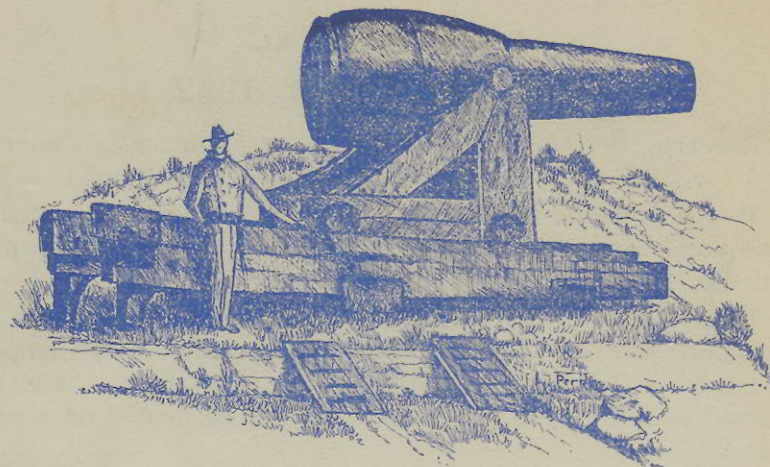
## KNOWN INDUCTEES—FEBRUARY-MARCH, 1862

Capt. Augustus G. Drewry  
Capt. James B. Jones  
Lt. Spencer Ivey  
Lt. Thomas Jarvis  
Sgt. A. W. Archer  
Sgt. J. A. Jones  
Sgt. Samuel A. Mann  
Sgt. J. H. Robinson  
Sgt. J. H. Varmin  
Cpl. E. D. Archer  
Cpl. R. H. Bond  
Cpl. J. A. Burton  
Cpl. Hector F. J. Dahl

Pvt. P. B. Andrews	Pvt. M. O. Gibbs
Pvt. William T. Beasley	Pvt. W. E. Gill
Pvt. James M. Butler	Pvt. William B. Horner
Pvt. Andrew J. Condrey	Pvt. William J. Horner
Pvt. William J. Parkinson	Pvt. G. B. Hancock
Pvt. George T. Porter	Pvt. Lewis J. Jackson
Pvt. B. W. Robertson	Pvt. Richard M. Jackson
Pvt. T. B. Sadler	Pvt. John W. Jones
Pvt. Wyndham Summers	Pvt. J. E. Perdue
Pvt. James M. Chalkley	Pvt. William Thomas Kidd
Pvt. Stephen B. Ellis	Pvt. George W. Partin
Pvt. Robert H. Fergusson	Pvt. Calvin T. Traylor
Pvt. R. C. Friend	Pvt. C. C. Turner
Pvt. T. H. Friend	Pvt. William W. Varnier
Pvt. M. Gibbs	Pvt. P. B. Winfree

Names given only for accredited mustering-in during February and March, 1862.

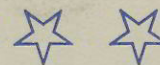
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## DEDICATION PROGRAM

For  
**FORT DARLING**  
A Part of Richmond National Battlefield

Saturday, May 12, 1962  
2:30 p.m.



Chesterfield Civil War Committee  
H. T. Goyne, Sr., Chairman  
and  
Department of The Interior  
National Park Service



## FORT DARLING

March 17 - May 15, 1862

Governor Letcher, under authority of Confederate Congress, called for 2,000 men to man batteries around Richmond.

Two lieutenants of Chesterfield County Militia, Augustus H. Drewry and James B. Jones, organized a company of ninety men, Southside Heavy Artillery of Virginia Volunteers.

These men, farmers, carpenters, mill hands—were above the conscription age of forty, or below twenty--one. The Company was mustered into the Confederate Army in February, 1862, and stationed at Battery 19, five miles south of Richmond on present Route 1.

Captains Drewry and Jones, both holding property on the south bank of the James, believed better use of the men would be in a Fort on a James River bluff. General R. E. Lee was consulted on the matter and concurred.

March 17, 1862—The Company took up headquarters on the bluff, ninety feet above the James and proceeded to construct a fort—Fort Darling. Emplacements for three guns were completed. Later, a fourth was also placed. Cribs, stone filled, and old ships were sunk in the river bed.

The abandonment of the Merrimac left the way open for a Federal naval movement against Richmond.

C.S.S. Patrick Henry and C.S.S. Jamestown removed their guns which were placed in pits dug into the bluff.

May 13—Word came that Federal ships had left Harrison's Landing.

May 14—One shot only was heard from Federal boats—hidden beyond the bend.

May 15—Rain and mist. Federal ships rounded the bend as breakfast was being eaten. Four hours of battle followed—two guns soon unable to fire—recoil had dislodged foundations. Half hour halt to conserve ammunition then ordered by Major Drewry. Engagement renewed—three of our guns now in action—seven Confederates were killed.

A shell hit a wooden ship at the water line. Federal boats reversed their engines and moved down the river, nor came again in 1862, 1863, 1864 or 1865.

Based on a thesis by John F. Daffron, Jr.

## PROGRAM

Music by the U. S. Marine Corps School Band, Quantico, Virginia

Master of Ceremonies.....Honorable Irvin G. Horner  
Chairman Board of Supervisors Chesterfield County

Invocation.....Chaplain (Captain) Roy Bishop, U.S.N.

Welcome from the National Park Service

Mr. Wallace T. Stephens, Superintendent  
Richmond National Battlefield

Presentation of Colors.....Color Guards from  
U. S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and First Squadron,  
183rd Armored Cavalry (Richmond Blues) Virginia Army  
National Guard.

Presentation of Speaker.....Honorable William Old,  
Judge, Circuit Court, Chesterfield County

Address.....Major Leonard L. Lewane, USA  
Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics,  
Virginia Military Institute

Benediction .....The Reverend Joseph T. Heistand  
Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia

Postlude .....Dixie

Tour of Grounds

Food served at the Fort Darling County Park by the Bermuda  
Ruritan Club.